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In re Application of:

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For: PLASMA OR SERUM MARKER

AND PROCESS FOR DETECTION

OF CANCER

DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

In a decision mailed by this Office on 17 February 2006, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was dismissed without prejudice for failing to satisfy all the requirements of a grantable petition. Specifically, petitioner had not submitted an acceptable declaration executed by the cooperating inventor on behalf of the non-signing inventor, and applicants had not provided an express statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

On 30 March 2006, petitioners filed the renewed petition considered herein. The renewed petition includes the required statement of the last known address of non-signing inventor Sze-Chuen Cesar WONG. The renewed petition also includes a declaration executed by co-inventor Wen-Luan Wendy HSIAO and containing an unsigned signature block for the non-signing inventor.

Applicants' 30 March 2006 submission satisfies the remaining requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Accordingly, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The application is accepted without the signature of non-signing inventor Sze-Chuen Cesar WONG.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(a), a notice of the acceptance of the application will be published in the Official Gazette, and a letter informing the non-signing inventor of the application will be forwarded to the inventor's last-known address, as set forth in the renewed petition.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 30 March 2006.

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